

RHODE ISLAND STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

MINUTES

JUNE 4, 2012

Meeting called to order at 10:05 by Paul D'Abbraccio and there was a quorum.

Present

Theresa Murray RIEMA-Chair

Edward Johnson RIEMA

Michael Brazel FEMA

Filomena Lupo LEPC#2 public member

Susan Mayo Johnson and Wales University

Chief David DiMaio LEPC #3

James Larisa DLT

Jim Ball DEM

Steven Preston LEPC#1

Chief Fred Stanley RIAFC

Chief Richard James SFMO

Jeff Stevens DOH/CEPR

Robert Vanderslice DOH

Chief Leo Messier RIPCA/RIAP

Gina Friedman DEM

Annemarie Beardsworth RIEMA

Old Business

- **Minutes from the last meeting were approved and passed**
- **By-laws were passed by this Committee-now at attorney's for review**

Planning Committee Report

- **No Report**

Training Committee Report

- **Next meeting is June 21st @ Fire Marshal's office at 10:00**

LEPC 1

- **Last meeting April 18th-Committee discussed planning initiatives**
- **Next meeting October 18th @ 1:30**

LEPC 2

- **Port evacuation drill on June 6th**

- **Emergency Response Exercise is rescheduled for Saturday, June 9th at 10:00 Maher Federal Products at 1139 Eddy Street, Providence**
- **Next meeting is June 13th at the Providence Public Safety Auditorium**

LEPC 3

- **Members went to the IAFC Hazardous Materials Conference in Baltimore from May 17th to the 20th-HMEP money was used for this training.**
- **40-hour Hazmat Ops for recruits is starting on Monday**
- **Planning a 130-hour Hazmat Tech Class starting July 9th-July 25th**

LEPC 4

- **Next meeting is on June 12th @ 10:00 in Exeter**

LEPC 5

- **Not Present**

New Business

- **Last meeting recommendation was made to have a new school letter sent out in September and motion was made, seconded and passed that a second school letter would be done by Gina after input by the Committee**

Paul D'Abbraccio will get all of the signatures on the letter

- **Brown University would like to do three trainings**

Letter passed around explaining three trainings

- (1) Managing chemicals in schools**
- (2) Chemical Hygiene**
- (3) Hazardous Waste Management**

Brown Training will be posted on the SERC website and we can post it on the RIEMA website as Chemically Safe School Information.

- DOH and DEM will help with disposing of chemicals in schools**
- Jim Larisa mentioned that there is a new assistant by the name of Joseph Degnan at DLT and recommended meeting with him. Jim also mentioned that the Department of Education has a checklist which is sent to every school and day care center. The checklist instructs that prior to opening schools there is supposed to be an inspection by the Department of Labor and Training Division of Occupational Safety. They are also supposed to follow the rules of OSHA and NFPA**
- It was suggested that the SERC should put on a presentation for school committee members and superintendents.**

Steve Preston suggested that the facility managers from the school districts should also be involved.

- HMPG grant is being transferred to the State Fire Marshal's Office for training on October 1st not finalized as of yet. According to the Federal Code of Regulations this transfer needs to be brought before this Committee-being researched.**

- Chief Dillon stated that Steve Preston was doing a Commodity Flow**

Study for the Woonsocket which would be a good idea for everyone to do. Steve stated that he did not sign for that so the \$7,000.00 can be reallocated for that. Chief Quinn may be able to take it over and use it. One company in Massachusetts is the only one in New England that does flow studies.

- LEPC's need to be looking at TTX and full-scale exercises to validate their plans. LEPC 4 is doing their exercise this year**
- Guidebooks will be in this week**
- Philomena Lupo is now a public member of the SERC**
- Next meeting will be September 10th @ 2:00pm.**
- Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting**
- Meeting adjourned at 11:47am**